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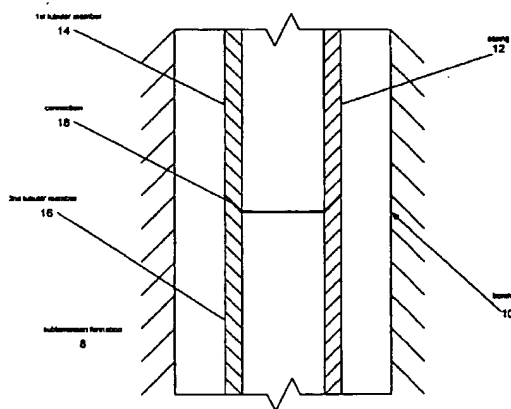
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(57) A method of radially expanding and plastically deforming a tubular assembly comprising a first tubular member, a second tubular member, and a mechanical coupling for coupling the first tubular member to the second tubular member, the method comprising placing the mechanical coupling in tension; and then radially expanding and plastically deforming the mechanical coupling. It is emphasized that this abstract is provided to comply with the rules requiring an abstract to allow a searcher or other reader to quickly ascertain the subject matter of the technical disclosure; and is submitted with the understanding that it will not be used to interpret or limit the scope or meaning of the claims under 37 CFR 1.72.



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